

**Florida Historical Commission**  
**500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Room 307 R.A. Gray Building**  
**Friday, August 10, 2018 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Members Present In-Person:** Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Dr. Michael Francis; Dr. Clifford Smith.

**Commission Members Participating via Teleconference:** Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. John Phelps; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

**Commission Members Not Present:** Ms. Ellen Uguccioni.

**DOS Staff Members Present:** Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Mary Glowacki, Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator; Ms. Laura Bright, Historic Preservation Grants Specialist.

**Members of the Public Present In-Person:** Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Commissioner Rick Swearingen; Mr. Louis Dempsey; Ms. Brenda Johnson; Mr. Lonnie Mann.

**Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Almy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Dr. Liko to call the roll. Quorum was confirmed.

**Item II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests**

Ms. Almy asked the commissioners, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

**Item III. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the August 10, 2018, FHC business meeting agenda. Dr. Bense so moved, and Dr. Francis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item IV. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2018, Meeting**

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the May 25, 2018, meeting minutes. Dr. Smith so moved. Dr. Bense seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item V. Chairman's Comments**

Ms. Almy held her comments until Item IX. Other Business.

**Item VI. Director's Comments**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Director's Comments. Dr. Parsons gave a brief update regarding the budget and then provided follow-up regarding several topics from the May 25, 2018 FHC business meeting. He summarized the Statue Location Selection meeting and thanked Mr. Birtman and Dr. Smith for participating on the committee. Dr. Parsons concluded his comments by updating the commissioners on partnerships and upcoming conferences.

### **Item VII. Business Items**

Ms. Almy recognized Commissioner Swearingen to present a proposal to name the FDLE headquarters building in honor of the late FDLE Commissioner Robert R. Dempsey.

Mr. Swearingen requested that Mr. Dempsey's son speak, and Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Louis Dempsey. Mr. Dempsey spoke on his father's personal life and legacy. Mr. Swearingen then provided the commissioners with a history of his distinguished career as a public servant.

Ms. Almy asked for a motion. Mr. Birtman moved to name the FDLE headquarters building the Robert R. Dempsey building. Dr. Bense seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Birtman asked Dr. Parsons if there were any updates regarding work at the Capitol Complex. Dr. Parsons answered that no design guidelines were completed at this time for the monuments, but construction work was continuing.

### **Item VIII. Committee Reports**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Glowacki to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report.

Dr. Glowacki asked Dr. Parsons to provide the commissioners with a brief update on the court ruling in favor of the Republic of France regarding the sunken French Fleet and the Sunken Military Craft Act. Dr. Glowacki then gave updates on staffing and highlighted several initiatives for each program. The commissioners discussed options for displaying artifacts in state facilities.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane provided staffing updates and highlighted several projects within the Bureau's program areas.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson discussed staffing and provided an update regarding eligibility reviews for Small Matching and Special Category grant applications. She confirmed the dates of September 6 and 7 with the commissioners for the Special Category grant application review. Dr. Tomlinson then discussed the grant risk assessments that were provided to the commissioners.

### **Item IX. Other Business**

Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Phelps. Mr. Phelps discussed floor space at the Capitol, and agreed that it would be a good opportunity for an exhibit. He and Mr. Birtman also requested information regarding results of grant projects over the last two years – a few representative projects from both ends of the spectrum regarding success. Ms. Almy asked if Mr. Birtman and Mr. Phelps could form an informal committee to discuss exhibit space at the Capitol. Mr. Phelps clarified that Dr. Parsons should speak to the Department of Management Services.

### **Item X. Public Comment**

None.

**Item XI. Adjourn**

Mr. Gonzalez moved to adjourn and Ms. Spurgeon seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Presiding Officer

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Director, Division of Historical Resources

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